

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Study Session

CITY OF MERCED

PROGRAMMATIC CAP

Planning Commission Presentation, 8-19-2015

Programmatic CAP

What is it?

- Near-Term Action Plan to Implement the City's CAP
- Enables Permit-Streamlining of CEQA Process
- Does not include code changes

How does it involve the Planning Commission?

- CEQA Review Process and Documents
- Project Site Designs and Operations

Direction & Objectives

Council Direction:

- Qualify for CEQA Permit-Streamlining
- Emphasize Community Values
- Encourage/Incentivize vs. Mandates

Project Objectives:

- Achieve City Council Target and Direction
- Include Community Voice
- Create Effective and Practical Tools

CEQA Review Requirement

Senate Bill (SB) 97:

- Global Warming Impact
- CEQA Topic
- Must Assess Impacts and Mitigate
- Technical Studies by private consultants (\$\$, time and uncertainty)

CEQA Permit-Streamlining

CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5:

- Inventory Local GHG Emissions
- Identify GHG Reduction Target to avoid Cumulative Considerable Impacts
- Identify Community and Project Actions to meet Target
- Establish Mechanism to Monitor Progress and Require Revisions
- Adopt PCAP in a public process following environmental review

User-Friendly Tools

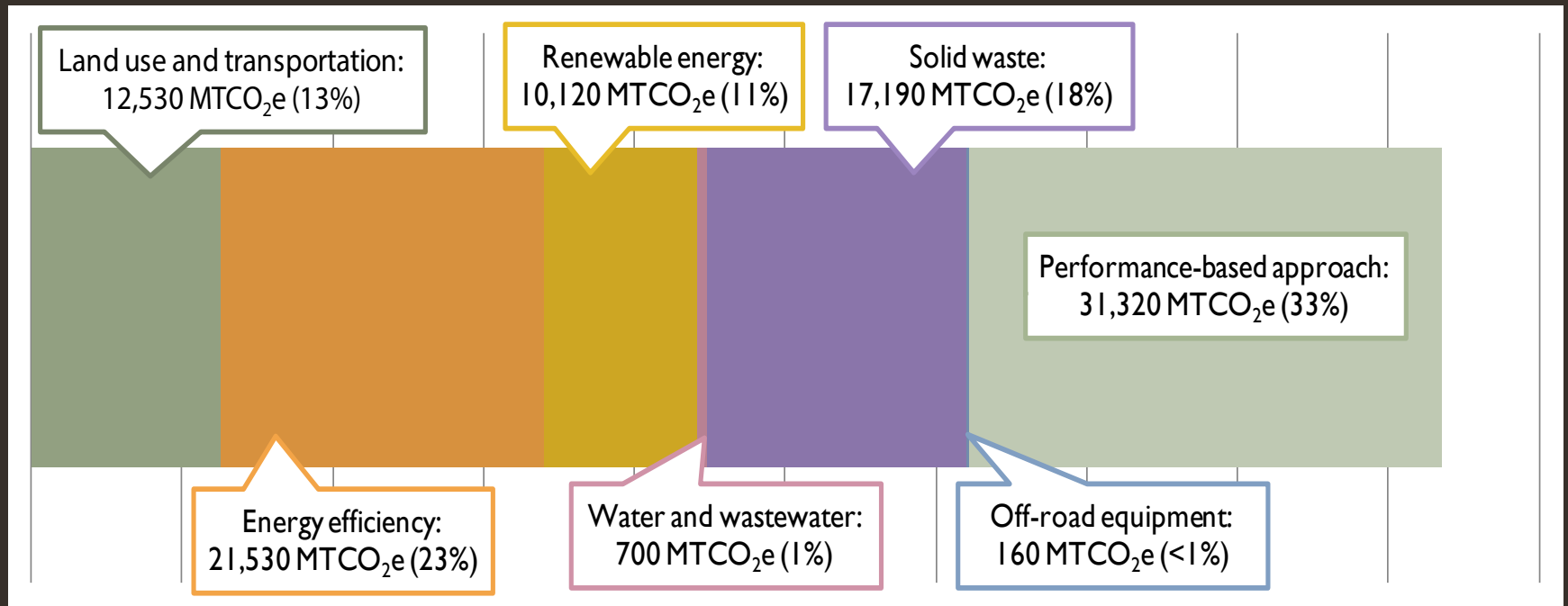
- ✓ PCAP with 31 Recommended Actions
- ✓ Urban Design Manual
- ✓ Monitoring Tools
- ✓ Development Options Checklist
(optional/performance-based)
- ✓ Development Code Index

Effective and Practical Tools

No New Codes

- ✓ General Plan Policies and Implementation Actions;
- ✓ General Plan EIR Mitigation Measures;
- ✓ Existing Development Codes; and
- ✓ San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District Rule 9010
“Indirect Source Review” (ISR) Requirement - \$\$
Stay in Merced.

GHG Reductions by Measure Category



- 31 Measures. Pages 20-48 of PCAP

Reaching the Target

Next Steps

Review Process:

- Focus Group Review (9/10/15)
- Focus Group Recommendation (Fall/Winter 2015)
- Public Hearing Process (early 2016)

Questions / Comments
